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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A TUBE MADE OF FILM ON A CELLULOSE BASIS WHICH REINFORCES AN INSERT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the title in its entirety and insert new title --Method and Apparatus for The Manufacture of a Tube Made of Film on a Cellulose Basis Which An Insert Reinforces--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the following heading --ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--; and

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[After ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE, please add the paragraph --] The invention relates to a film tube (10) based on cellulose which is produced by extruding an aqueous cellulose-N-methyl-morpholine-N-oxide (NMMO) solution through a ring nozzle (21) onto a lining (3). The film tube (10) is manufactured by means of a vertically descending spinning in a spinning vat (12) in which a spinning bath (11) is located. The film tube (10) which is submerged in the spinning bath (11) passes through an air gap (9) between the underside of a nozzle block (7) and the upper surface of the spinning bath (11) and, internally, is